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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 12:00 noon Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Neeley, Hammoud.
Members absent/excused: None

Representative Lilly moved to approve the minutes from the October 18th, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid House Bill No. 5134 before the committee:

HB 5134 (LaFave) Economic development; other; state convention facility development act;
revise distribution of funds.

Representative Cole moved to adopt substitute **(H-1)** for **House Bill No. 5134**. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Neeley, Hammoud.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Rep. LaFave and Senator Casperson testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Cindy Paavola, representing Northern Michigan University, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Billy DeMong, representing USA Nordic and Copper Peak, and Bob Jacquart, representing Copper Peak and the Upper Peninsula Sport Commission, both testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Patrick Beno, representing the Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority, testified in opposition to the bill.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Mary Carroll, representing the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce.

Amy Clickner, representing the Lake Superior Community Partnership of Marquette County.

Doug Luciani, representing TraverseCONNECT.

David Miller, representing the Cadillac Area Chamber of Commerce.
Carlin Smith, representing the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce.
Kent Wood, representing the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce.
Terry Marchand, representing the Centre Ice Arena.
Representative Scott Dianda, representing the 110th District.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.
Lisa Canada, representing the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair_____

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